

Attachment to Interview Summary

1. Applicant called to discuss the possibility of limiting the independent claims to having at least two strips attached to each other, one above the other, with the lowest strip attached to the base film, and the strips not attached by folds. Applicant argued that both Tiozzo and Heikaus et al. teach only a single layer of strips or multiple layers of strips with the stacked strips connected by folds. The examiner agreed that the two references did not explicitly teach the proposed limitation, but indicated no position on the general question of if the proposed limitation would be non-obvious as additional search and consideration are required as the limitation has not been previously considered. The examiner suggested possible language of the stacked strips being connected only at their major surfaces to avoid new matter issues with language excluding folds.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William P. Watkins III whose telephone number is 571-272-1503. The examiner works an increased flex time schedule, but can normally be reached Monday through Friday, 11:30 A.M. through 8:00 P.M. Eastern Time. The examiner returns all calls within one business day unless an extended absence is noted on his voice mail greeting.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Sample can be reached on 571-272-1376. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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